

**REMARKS**

The Advisory Action mailed June 25, 2004, has been received and reviewed. Claims 1-4 and 6-15 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1 through 15 stand rejected. Responsive thereto, the proposed amendments were made in respect to the original patent and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.173. The proposed amendments are indicated above with the following changes over the previous version:

Claim 5 has been cancelled herein.

In claim 13, the word "the" was removed and replaced with the word "an." This amendment was made to avoid a potential problem with antecedent basis.

Finally, applicants assert that this amendment introduces no new matter and respectfully request reconsideration of the reissue application.

**Offer to Surrender Patent**

Applicants surrender and submit herewith the ribbon copy of the original U.S. Patent 5,885,966. As such, applicants request that the reissue application be allowed to proceed.

**37 C.F.R 1.175(b)(1) Reissue Oath/Declaration is defective**

Claims 1-15 are rejected as based upon a defective reissue declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.175(b)(1). Please find enclosed a complete supplemental Reissue Oath/Declaration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.175(b)(1). Applicants respectfully request this rejection be withdrawn.

**Incorrect reissue amendment format**

Applicants' proposed amendments, filed June 4, 2004, did not correct the amendment format errors, set forth in section 8 of the Final Office Action, for claim 13. Applicants have corrected the amendment format of claim 13 pursuant to 37 CFF 1.173. Applicants respectfully request this rejection be withdrawn.

**35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph**

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claim 5 has been cancelled herein thus making response to this objection unnecessary.

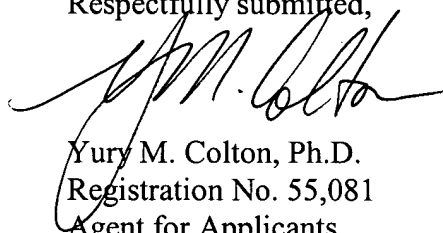
**ENTRY OF AMENDMENTS**

The proposed amendments to claim 13 have been made according to the reissue amendment format governed by 37 CFR 1.173, and should be entered by the examiner because, as described above, the amendments are supported by the as-filed specification and do not add any new matter to the application. Additionally, applicants assert that the amendments do not raise new issues or require further search. The amendments should place the reissue application in condition for allowance. To the extent they do not, however, they certainly remove issues for appeal and therefore should be entered.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the proposed amendments and remarks, claims 1-4 and 6-15 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is respectfully solicited. Should the Office determine that additional issues remain which might be resolved by a telephone conference, it is respectfully invited to contact applicants' undersigned agent.

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Enclosure: Supplemental Reissue Declaration  
Ribbon copy of original U.S. Patent